



1 consideration such as special skill, experience of counsel, and the results obtained. *Morales v. City*  
2 *of San Rafael*, 96 F.3d 359, 364 n. 9 (9th Cir. 1996). “The party seeking an award of fees should  
3 submit evidence supporting the hours worked and rates claimed . . . [w]here the documentation of  
4 hours is inadequate, the district court may reduce the award accordingly.” *Hensley v. Eckerhart*,  
5 461 U.S. 424, 433 (1983). Second, the Court “may adjust the lodestar, [only on rare and  
6 exceptional occasions], upward or downward using a multiplier based on factors not subsumed in  
7 the initial calculation of the lodestar.” *Van Gerwen v. Guarantee Mut. Life Co.*, 214 F.3d 1041,  
8 1045 (9th Cir. 2000).

9 Plaintiffs request a total of \$2,067.50 in fees and costs associated with bringing the Motion  
10 for Protective Order (#35). Plaintiffs request reimbursement of attorneys’ fees and costs at an  
11 hourly rate of \$250 for the associate attorneys who worked on this case and \$295.00 for the  
12 partners who worked on this matter. After reviewing Plaintiffs’ Memorandum and the affidavit of  
13 Neil Durrant, Esq., the Court finds that the Plaintiffs have offered sufficient evidence that the above  
14 hourly rates are reasonable. The Court further finds that the requested fees are reasonable. A total  
15 of eight hours was billed by Plaintiffs’ attorneys. Six hours were spent drafting the Motion for  
16 Protective Order (#35) and the remaining time was spent attending the deposition of Steve Gautier,  
17 which the Defendants refused to vacate. Defendant does not oppose Plaintiffs’ requested fees. The  
18 Court will therefore award Plaintiffs reimbursement for their fees and costs in the amount of  
19 \$2,067.50. Accordingly,

20 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Defendant Accelerated Payment Technologies is to pay  
21 Plaintiffs Todd Granat and Steve Gautier the total sum of \$2,067.50. Defendant is further ordered  
22 to make full payment to Plaintiffs by **Thursday, April 5, 2012**.

23 DATED this 22nd day of March, 2012.

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26 GEORGE FOLEY, JR.  
27 United States Magistrate Judge  
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